

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An image printing system comprising:
 - a mounting mechanism that mounts a medium having a prepay function on which image data is recorded;
 - an instructing unit by which the user places an order for printing with regard to the images recorded on the medium;
 - a printer that prints the images recorded on the medium; and
 - a controller that reads the image data recorded on the medium, causes the printer to perform printing in response to the order via the instructing unit, receives the printing fee, and updates the prepaid balance in the prepayment information of the medium after the printing instruction is issued from the instructing unit.
2. (Original) An image printing system according to claim 1, wherein said controller accepts a printing instruction after the image data is read from the medium.

Claims 3-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) An image handling device comprising:
 - a mounting mechanism that mounts a medium on which image data is recorded and

which has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the images recorded on the medium;

a printer that prints the data; and

a controller that updates the prepaid balance in the storage medium and causes the printer to print a receipt for the printing order, which includes the prepaid balance, in response to the printing order issued via the instructing means.

11. (Original) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and which has a prepay function, and that includes a removal preventing means that prevents the removal of the mounted storage medium;

an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the images recorded on the storage medium; and

a controller that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium, calculates the fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the prepaid balance and prevents the removal of the storage medium by operating the removal preventing means of the mounting mechanism until the updating of the prepaid balance is completed.

12. (Original) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the

images recorded on the storage medium; and

a controller that inputs the image data recorded on the storage medium, calculates the fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the prepaid balance and nullifies the printing order if the storage medium is removed from the mounting mechanism before the prepaid balance is updated.

13. (Original) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the images recorded on the storage medium;

a money receiving means that receives money; and

a controller that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium, processes the receipt of money via the money receiving means, calculates the fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the prepaid balance and settles the printing fee by combining together the prepaid balance in the storage medium and the cash added using the money receiving means.

14. (Original) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the images recorded on the storage medium;

a money receiving means that receives money; and

a controller that inputs the image data recorded on the storage medium, processes the receipt of money via the money receiving means, calculates the fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the prepaid balance and updates the prepaid balance of the storage medium by combining together the prepaid balance in the storage medium and the cash added using the money receiving means.

15. (Original) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the images recorded on the storage medium; and

a control means that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium, calculates the fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the prepaid balance and accesses the prepayment information in the storage medium and outputs the information using a display means or a printing means.

16. (Original) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the images recorded on the storage medium; and

a control means that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium,

calculates the fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the prepaid balance and calculates the printing fee in accordance with the printing history.

17. (Original) A printing fee recording method in an image output system comprising a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function, an instructing means by which the user places an order for printing regarding the images recorded on the storage medium, and a printing means that prints the images recorded on the storage medium, the method comprising the steps of:

reading the image data from the storage medium; and

recording the printing history on the storage medium, calculating a fee for the ordered printing based on the printing history, and recording the prepaid balance on the storage medium is updated according to the user orders printing of the images recorded on the storage medium.

18. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium which stores a program comprising the step of:

reading image data from the storage medium in which the image data is recorded and which has a prepay function;

receiving a printing order from the user for the images recorded on the storage medium;

printing the images by the printing means in accordance with the printing order; and

updating the prepaid balance in the prepayment information in the storage medium after the printing order is executed.